

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

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National Thanksgiving

Sunday July 3rd, 1927



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Parade leaves Main Street at King Street at 2.30 p.m.



"HE SHALL HAVE DOMINION ALSO FROM
SEA TO SEA."

Psalms lxxii.: 8.

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

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All present shall sing.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

I.

COMMEMORATIVE OF THE PIONEERS AND SETTLERS WHO LAID OUR COUNTRY'S FOUNDATIONS

To be read by the person presiding.

It is appropriate that the first note of Thanksgiving should also be commemorative of the early pioneers and settlers who by their labours laid the foundations of our nation. The words of the following hymn have been sung through many generations and in many lands. They acquire a new significance as they call to mind the trials and privations of those heroic men and women who, in deep forest or lonely clearing, made the first Canadian homes. Leaving behind many of their own kin and friends and the securities and comforts of civilization, they brought with them a high courage, firm endurance, and an abiding faith in the God of their fathers.

Then shall be sung by all present.

1. O God of Bethel! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
4. O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace. Amen.

Then shall be read aloud by all present.

PSALM C.

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with
a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God;
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture,
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His
Courts with praise;
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Then shall be said by all present.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine
is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

II. COMMEMORATIVE OF THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION

To be read by the person presiding.

The value and interest of history are derived chiefly from the lives and services of the men whom it commemorates. Without these the progress of the nation would be little worth recording. Upon this day of National Thanksgiving it is fitting to recall the eminent services of the Fathers of Confederation, through whose efforts the scattered Provinces of Canada have been united under one constitution. Our appreciation of their greatness increases with the passing years. To follow in their footsteps in devoted service to our country is the highest tribute we can pay to their memory. Expression is given to this tribute in the words of the following hymn:

Then shall be sung by all present.

1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.
2. Our fathers' sepulchres are here,
And here our kindred dwell,
Our children too;—how should we love
Another land so well?
3. O guard our shores from every foe;
With peace our borders bless;
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.
4. Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth, and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.
5. Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend;
Be Thou our refuge and our trust,
Our everlasting Friend. Amen.

Then shall be read aloud by all present.

- i. Therefore thou shalt keep the Commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.
For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land; a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;
A land of wheat, and barley and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olive and honey;
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass;
When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee.
Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His Commandments, and His Judgments and His Statutes.
- ii. Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.
- iii. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- iv. And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.
- v. If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually.
- vi. These are the Statutes and Judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

ADDRESS : REV. W. E. MACKEY

To be said by all present.

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee.....
especially for this Dominion, and herein more particularly for
the Governor-General, the Senate, and the House of Commons,
in their legislative capacity, *as also for all legislative and municipal bodies in the discharge of their public duties*; that Thou
wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations,
to the advancement of Thy glory, the safety, honour, and welfare
of our Sovereign and His Dominions, that all things may be
so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and
surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth, and justice,
religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. Amen.

Then shall be read aloud by all present.

PSALM LXVII.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O God;
Let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
For Thou shalt judge the people righteously.
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let all the people praise Thee, O God;
Let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Then shall be sung by all present.

From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And filled with true devotion,
Obey Thy sovereign word.
Our prairies and our mountains,
Forest and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes and fountains,
To Thee shall tribute yield. Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Then shall be sung by all present.

O CANADA

O Canada! Our Home and Native Land!
True patriot-love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

GOD SAVE THE KING

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King:
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King.

THE END.